

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION
ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, BRIAN GOSS, AND DON ADAMS.

BRENDA ADAMS, COUNTY AUDITOR, DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT,
AND PETE FOLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

PAVING BIDS

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that there were questions at the last meeting regarding Milestone Contractors qualifications for the Indiana Local Business Preference. The Milestone attorney and County Attorney Pete Foley reviewed the information that was submitted and verified that Milestone meets the requirements of the statute. Mr. Smith stated that since Milestone meets the requirements, there are two projects, one on New Harmony Road and one on Merriman Road, that Milestone would be awarded as the low bidder. Don Adams made a motion to award the two paving projects to Milestone. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

POSTAGE METER CONTRACT

Peggy Mayfield, Morgan County Clerk, stated that the Clerk's Office needs to purchase or lease a new postage meter for the courthouse. The equipment purchase price is \$11,030 and the meter rental is \$740 per year. A repair call is \$300 just for the call and does not include any parts or service. The 60-month lease cost is \$11,243 and includes all parts, service, labor, and meter rental. Don Adams made a motion to approve the lease with Neopost for a postage meter. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

VEGETATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – 2nd Reading

Pete Foley stated that the intent of the ordinance is to remove eyesores in a residential area and the amendment exempts wooded areas. The amended ordinance adds the following language:

“The term “residential” shall also include those portions of a golf course or golf course property which adjoin residential property, as defined above, but shall not include those portions of a golf course or golf course property which are intended to remain as wooded areas or hazard areas associated with the golf course. This Ordinance shall not apply to land used for agricultural purposes or residential areas that are intended to remain as wooded or natural areas.”

Don Adams made a motion to amendment. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

Norman Voyles stated that this deed concerns .4 acres at the end of Rinker Road owned by F. Joseph Baumann. Pete Foley stated that as property has been sold over the years, the legal descriptions have

left this small parcel and as the river moves, the property changes. The owner requested that the property be deeded to the county. Mr. Voyles stated that if the county does not accept the property, it will go to tax sale and cost the county money. Brian Goss made a motion to accept the Quit Claim Deed from Mr. Baumann. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

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IPEP SAFETY AWARD

Norman Voyles stated that a letter was received last week regarding the Indiana Public Employer's Plan safety award for 2010. The county earned the award for an excellent worker safety record. The press release stated that the award is for the prevention of accidents and also emphasizes the cost savings to governmental agencies by keeping workers on the job. Mr. Voyles thanked all the employees for helping to achieve the award.

LAKE DETURK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Norman Voyles stated that the residents of Shireman Estates have petitioned the state to form a conservancy district to help maintain the lake and dam in the subdivision. Pete Foley stated that he has been involved in this issue for years and is an attorney for the residents who are seeking to form the district. There will be a public hearing before the Department of Natural Resources on September 26th and the decision regarding the petition will be decided in Morgan County Circuit Court. Mr. Voyles suggested submitting a letter of support. Brian Goss made a motion to send a letter of support. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD NAME

Wyatt Earp Lane was suggested as a name for a private existing road in Gregg Township off of State Road 142. Don Adams stated that he would like to talk to Kenny Hale about guidelines for private road names and requested that the issue be tabled. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

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MINUTES

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, August 1, and August 15, 2011 meetings. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

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INCIDENT CLAIM

Don Adams made a motion to send the Parks incident claim to the insurance company. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

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CLAIMS

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the monthly claims totaling \$1,330,388.64 pending Council approval for a \$19,258.74 additional and documentation on two claims for \$139,983.20 and \$1,400. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

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HIGHWAY UPDATE

Brian Goss stated that the chip sealing projects in Districts 1 and 3 were complete. Crews will not be working in District 2; they are also installing a culvert on Gore Road.

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ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that Dave O'Mara will start paving next

Wednesday. The Local Public Agency Project Coordination Contract (LPA) is ready for Bridge #44 on Peavine Road. The federal cost (80%) for this project is \$795,040 and the county must pay the remaining 20% of the cost (\$198,760). Brian Goss made a motion to approve the contract. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that MUTCD (Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices) has put the compliance dates for new signs on hold and as signs are replaced, they will need to meet the new requirements, but there is no deadline. Every county will still have to have a sign management program by January 2012.

Bridge #57 will be open to traffic by next Friday (September 9th). They will be over the contract date by 11 days.

HUGGIN HOLLOW ROAD

Norman Voyles stated that at a previous meeting, the board voted to gravel a portion of the road. Since that time, the adjoining property owner is negotiating to purchase the area between the roads. Mr. Voyles asked the highway crew to wait until after negotiations before doing any work. It is the intent of the purchaser to allow an easement for the adjoining property owner.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Norman Voyles

Brian Goss

Don Adams

Attest:

Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor